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## September 1 Tennessee Crop Production Forecast

Crop prospects as of September 1 improved for most crops in Tennessee from August 1 forecast according to the Tennessee Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rainfall received in August improved crop conditions for most producers, depending on the stage of crops. The soybean crop is projected to be a record. All forecasts are based on conditions as of September 1 and assume normal growing conditions for the remainder of the crop season.

**Corn** production in **Tennessee** is forecast at 125 million bushels, up 1 percent from the August forecast and down 3 percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 152 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from last month and down 4 bushels from the 2013 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 820 thousand acres, unchanged from 2013. The **U.S.** corn production is forecast at 14.4 billion bushels, up 3 percent from the August forecast and up 3 percent from 2013. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 171.7 bushels per acre, up 4.3 bushels from last month and up 12.9 bushels from 2013. If realized, this will be the highest yield and production on record for the United States. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 83.8 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast but down 4 percent from 2013.

**Soybean** production for **Tennessee** is forecast at 74.3 million bushels, up 7 percent from the August forecast and up 6 percent from 2013. Yield was estimated at 47 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from last month and up 1 bushel from a year ago. If realized, this will be the highest yield and production on record for Tennessee. Acreage for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.58 million acres, up 60,000 acres from the previous year. **U.S.** soybean production is forecast at 3.91 billion bushels, up 3 percent from the August forecast and up 19 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 46.6 bushels per acre, up 1.2 bushels from last month and up 3.3 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 84.1 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast and up 11 percent from 2013.

**Tennessee cotton** production is projected to be 515,000 bales, up 17 percent from the August forecast and up 24 percent from last year. Cotton yields are forecast to average 933 pounds per acre, up 71 pounds from last month and up 80 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers expect to harvest 265,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from the August forecast and up 32,000 acres from 2014. **U.S.** cotton production was forecast at 16.5 million bales, down 6 percent from the August forecast but up 28 percent from 2013. Yields are forecast to average 803 pounds per acre, down 17 pounds from last month and down 2 percent from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 9.88 million acres, down 4 percent from the August forecast and up 31 percent from the previous year.

**Tennessee burley tobacco** production is forecast at 25.2 million pounds, up 13 percent from the August forecast and up 24 percent from 2013. Yield was projected at 1,800 pounds per acre, up 200 pounds from last month and up 290 pounds from the 2013 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 14,000 acres, up 500 acres from last year's crop. For the **burley producing states** production is forecast at 212 million pounds, up 5 percent from the August forecast and up 10 percent from last year. Burley growers plan to harvest 98,400 acres, down 1 percent from 2013. Yields were expected to average 2,152 pounds per acre, up 208 pounds from last year.

Production of **Tennessee dark fire-cured** tobacco is forecast at 20.1 million pounds, up 3 percent from the August forecast and down 8 percent from the previous year. **Dark air-cured** tobacco production is forecast at 2.86 million pounds, unchanged from the August forecast and up 17 percent from last year.

**CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY, September 1  
TENNESSEE AND UNITED STATES**

Crops	Area Planted <sup>1</sup>		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production	
	2013	2014	2013	2014 <sup>2</sup>	2013	2014 <sup>1</sup>		2013	2014
						Aug 1	Sep 1 <sup>2</sup>		
	TENNESSEE								
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Corn <sup>3</sup>	890	880	820	820	156.0	150.0	152.0	127,920	124,640
Soybeans <sup>3</sup>	1,560	1,620	1,520	1,580	46.0	44.0	47.0	69,920	74,260
Wheat, Winter <sup>34</sup>	610	560	540	480	71.0	68.0	--	38,340	32,640
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
Cotton <sup>5</sup>	250,000	270,000	233,000	265,000	853	862	933	414	515
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	21,400	21,800	2,083	2,050	2,209	44,570	48,160
Burley	--	--	13,500	14,000	1,510	1,600	1,800	20,385	25,200
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	6,900	6,700	3,150	2,900	3,000	21,735	20,100
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	1,000	1,100	2,450	2,600	2,600	2,450	2,860
	UNITED STATES								
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Corn <sup>3</sup>	95,365	91,641	87,668	83,839	158.8	167.4	171.7	13,925,147	14,395,350
Soybeans <sup>3</sup>	76,533	84,839	75,869	84,058	43.3	45.4	46.6	3,288,833	3,913,079
Wheat, Winter <sup>34</sup>	43,090	42,296	32,402	32,419	47.4	43.1	--	1,534,253	1,396,742
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
Cotton <sup>5</sup>	10,407,000	11,010,000	7,544,400	9,881,400	821	820	803	12,909	16,538
Tobacco:									
All	--	--	355,675	358,880	2,034	2,254	2,310	723,579	829,133
Burley	--	--	99,000	98,400	1,944	2,040	2,152	192,465	211,745
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	16,250	16,030	3,101	3,050	3,153	50,388	50,543
Dark-Air Cured	--	--	5,200	5,400	2,652	2,680	2,759	13,790	14,900

<sup>1</sup> Commodities with estimates not available are (denoted by "--"). <sup>2</sup> Forecasted. <sup>3</sup> Area harvested represents grain. <sup>4</sup> Includes area planted in preceding fall. <sup>5</sup> Production in 480-lb. net weight bales. U.S. production includes American-Pima cotton.